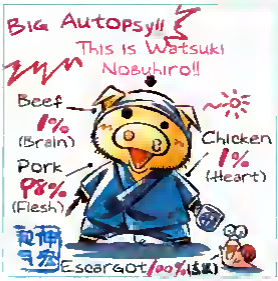

WATSUKI NOBUHIRO

My underpants ripped from being overworn. Must've been too much sitting since the series started, or it could be the cloth frayed from Watsuki's farting, pair by pair ripped, and then the next thing I knew, I only had 3 pairs left. Nothing's as disheartening as this. My briefs since my middle school days lasted for 20 years. I'm on my way to the next stage, to take up the challenge of "loincloth", a wonder to men these days, a bother in all earnestness.

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"HYPOCRITE"... WAS THE LAST WORD SAID BY CHOUNO TO A WOUNDED KAZUKI. DESPITE KAZUKI'S CONDITION, HE WAS SCOUTED AS A RENKIN WARRIOR BY THE COMMANDER! KAZUKI IS TORN BETWEEN RETURNING TO HIS OLD SCHOOL LIFE AND CONTINUEING TO BATTLE... AND CHOUNO, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD, REAPPEARED RIGHT BEFORE KAZUKI'S EYES!!

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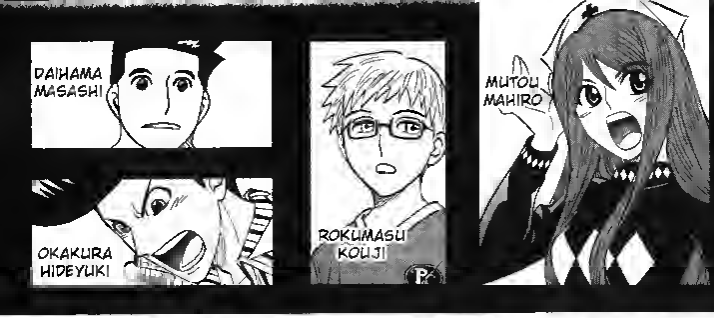
RENKINJUTSU(ALCHEMY) ... A BRANCH OF KNOWLEDGE DEALING WITH TRANSMUTATION THAT HAD IT'S ROOTS IN AND DOMINATED ALL OF EUROPE BEFORE MODERN TIMES. GOLD TRANSMUTATION FROM LEAD AND THE LIKE, AND THE MANUFACTURE OF THE ELIXER OF LIFE WERE ATTEMPTED BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD, ALCHEMY ACCOMPLISHED 2 THINGS BEYOND MEASURE - THE FABRICATION OF HOMUNCULI AND THE CREATION OF THE KAKUGANE.

MUTOU KAZUKI
HE WAS KILLED BY A HOMUNCULUS, BUT CAME BACK TO LIFE AFTER TOKIKO GAVE HIM A KAKUGANE (IRON CORE) TO REPLACE HIS HEART. 16. HIS SISTER MAHIRO IS A YEAR YOUNGER THAN HE IS. HIS BUSOU RENKIN (ALCHEMICAL ARMS) IS THE LANCE SUNLIGHT HEART.

CHARACTERS

THE KAKUGANE(CORE IRON) IS A PURFIED SUPER-ALLOY CONSTRUCTED FROM AN ASSEMBLY OF ALCHEMICAL ESSENCES IN THE DEPTHS OF THE USERS SPIRIT. THE KAKUGANE IS ACTIVATED BY INSTINCT. THE SURVIVAL INSTINCT BOOSTS ITS HEALING POWER, THE BATTLE INSTINCT SHAPES IT CREATING A UNIQUE WEAPON. ONCE IT TAKES SHAPE THE BUSOU RENKIN'S SPECIAL QUALITES CAN BE DIVERSE

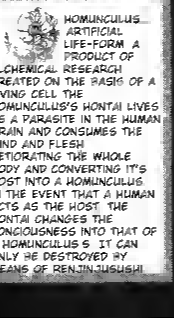
TSUMURA TOKIKO
A BUSOU RENKIN EXPERT, CHOSEN AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE ALCHEMY. ONE OF THE "RENKIN (ALCHEMICAL) WARRIORS". HER BUSOU RENKIN IS THE DEATH SCYTHE VALKYRIE SKIRT.



S T O R Y

HOMUNCULI, ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORMS CREATED USING ALCHEMY... IN HER PURSUE OF THESE MAN-EATING MONSTERS LURKING IN THE DARK, THE RENKIN (ALCHEMICAL) WARRIOR TOKIKO DESIGNED HERSELF AS A DECOY TO LURE OUT A HOMUNCULUS. MUTOU KAZUKI WAS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO, UNAWARE OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION, TRIED TO HELP OUT TOKIKO BUT ENDED UP GETTING KILLED BY THE HOMUNCULUS INSTEAD. TOKIKO GAVE KAZUKI A KAKUGANE WHICH CAME WITH A NEW LIFE FOR KAZUKI AND A POWER TO FIGHT HOMUNCULI. KAZUKI DECIDED TO ALONGSIDE TOKIKO TO PROECT EVERYONE. TOKIKO WAS SET UP WITH A DEVICE DESIGNED BY THE CREATOR OF THEIR ENEMIES, A "HONTAI" (SUBSTANCE) OF THE HOMONCULUS THAT COULD TRANSFORM A HUMAN INTO A HOMUNCULUS, WHICH NOW LIVED OFF HER AS A PARASITE. THE TWO WERE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE CREATOR WHO HAD THE ANTIDOTE TO THE HONTAI. THEY MANAGED TO LOCATE THE CREATOR... CHOUNO KOUSHAKU CREATED HOMUNCULI BASED ON THE REMNANTS OF HIS ANCESTORS RESEARCH JOURNAL, IN ORDER TO TURN HIS OWN SICKLY BODY INTO THAT OF A HOMUNCULUS'S AND THUS, ATTAIN NEW LIFE.

DESPITE DEFEATING THE STRONGEST OF THE HUMONCULI WASHIO, TOKIKO WAS RENDERED IMMOBILE BY HER HONTAI IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLE. LEAVING TOKIKO, NOW UNABLE TO FIGHT, TO HIS SISTER AND THEIR FRIEND'S CARE, KAZUKI HEADED FOR THE CHOUNO RESIDENCE BY HIMSELF. CHOUNO WAS NOWHERE AROUND HIS HOUSE, AND BECAME A HOMUNCULUS BY TAKING IN THE HONTAI THAT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER CRUSHED BEFORE ITS COMPLETION. ALTHOUGH KAZUKI WAS DETERMINED TO SEE NOBODY SACRIFICIED. HE WAS FORCED TO FINISH OFF CHOUNO TO SAVE TOKIKO'S LIFE. THE HEATED BATTLE CLOSED WITH KAZUKI DRAINED OF ENERGY FROM BEATING CHOUNO. THE COMMANDER SHOWED UP IN TIME, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO PASS THE ANTIDOTE TO TOKIKO.



HOMUNCULUS
ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORM A PRODUCT OF ALCHEMICAL RESEARCH CREATED ON THE BASIS OF A LIVING CELL. THE HOMUNCULUS'S HONTAI LIVES AS A PARASITE IN THE HUMAN BRAIN AND CONSUMES THE MIND AND FLESH DETIORATING THE WHOLE BODY AND CONVERTING IT'S HOST INTO A HOMUNCULUS. IN THE EVENT THAT A HUMAN ACTS AS THE HOST, THE HONTAI CHANGES THE CONCIOUSNESS INTO THAT OF A HOMUNCULUS'S. IT CAN ONLY BE DESTROYED BY MEANS OF RENJIN JUSUSHI.

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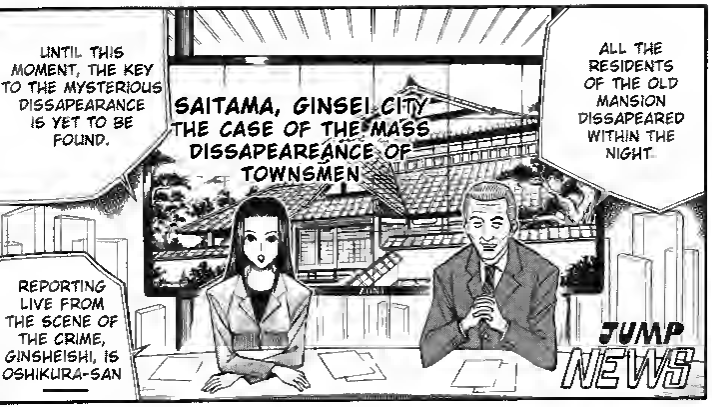

UNTIL THIS MOMENT, THE KEY TO THE MYSTERIOUS DISSAPEARANCE IS YET TO BE FOUND.
SAITAMA, GINSEI CITY THE CASE OF THE MASS DISSAPEAREANCE OF TOWNSMEN
ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE OLD MANSION DISSAPEARED WITHIN THE NIGHT.
REPORTING LIVE FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, GINSHEISHI, IS OSHIKURA-SAN
JUMP NEWS

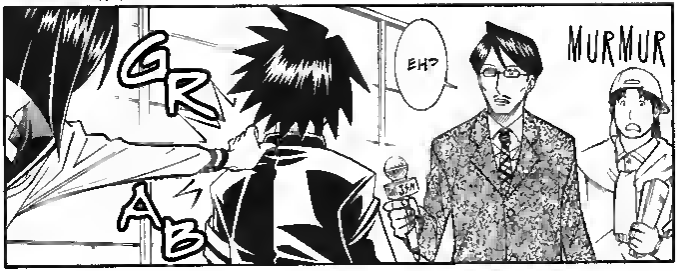
SFX : MUGYUU
I'M ON TV, COOL!
OL' MAN, LOOK AT ME!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS THOSE KIDS SEEM TO BE IN GOOD SPIRITS
OSHIKURA REPORTING LIVE FROM THE SCENE
CHII-CHIN, SAA-CHAN, MAPI! HERE!
SPLURT

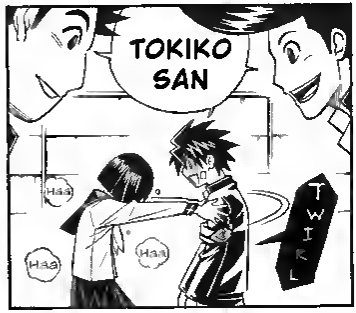
CHAPTER 18 IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT YOURSELF.

KAZUKI,
YOU SHOULD BE GETTING BETTER SOON TOO—
TOKIKO-SAN
HERE, HERE!
E—H?!
ZONY
PLEASE STAY TUNED WITH US -JSN BROADCAST
DAMN, KAZUKI, WHEN DIDJA!
WHY YOU BRATS—!!
ONII-CHAN, STOP HOGGING THE SCREEN TO YOURSELF!

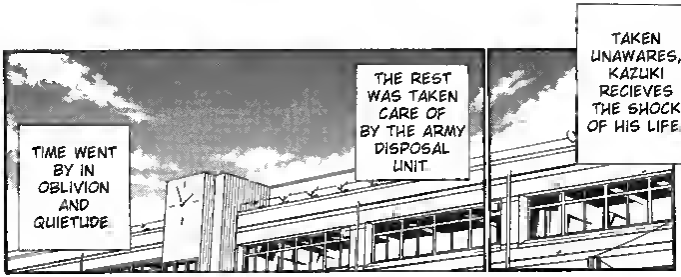
CHAPTER 18
IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT YOURSELF

SFX : PAT
REPORTING LIVE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL IN QUESTION.
THIS IS OSHIKURA,
HOW ABOUT YOU?
ODDLY ENOUGH, NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW THIS K-KUN.
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!
I MIGHT KNOW HIM...
CAN YOU TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT K-KUN WHO DISSA-PEARED?
HYPOCRITE.
DON'T APOLOGISE
... YEAH, I KNEW HIM
HE WASN'T SOMEONE I COULD FORGET ABOUT EASILY

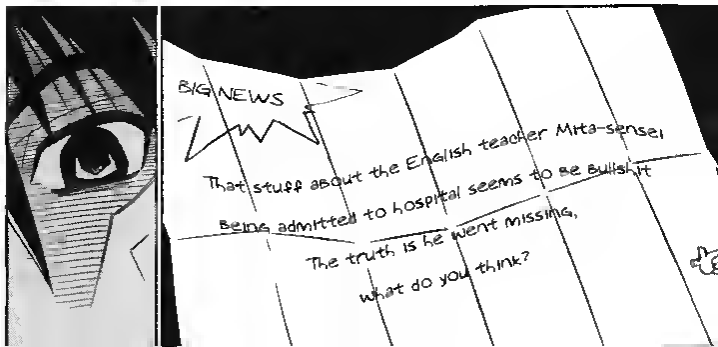




SFX | DOSUT - PUNCH

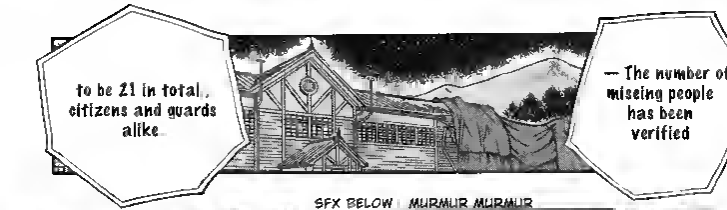

TIME WENT BY IN OBLIVION AND QUIETUDE
THE REST WAS TAKEN CARE OF BY THE ARMY DISPOSAL UNIT
TAKEN UNAWARES, KAZUKI RECIEVES THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE

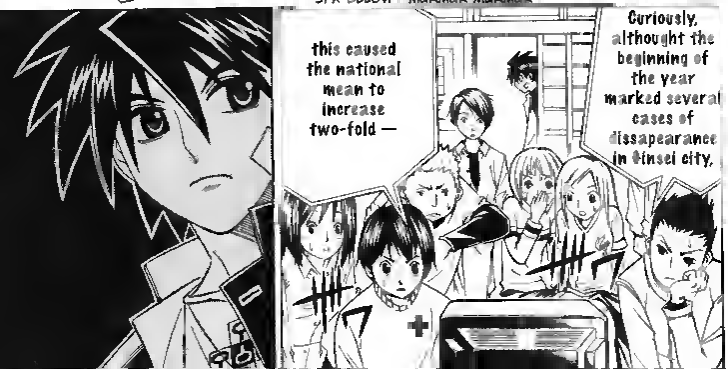
GASA GASA - SMOOTH OUT


BIG NEWS
That stuff about the English teacher Mita-sensei being admitted to hospital seems to be bullshit
The truth is he went missing,
what do you think?

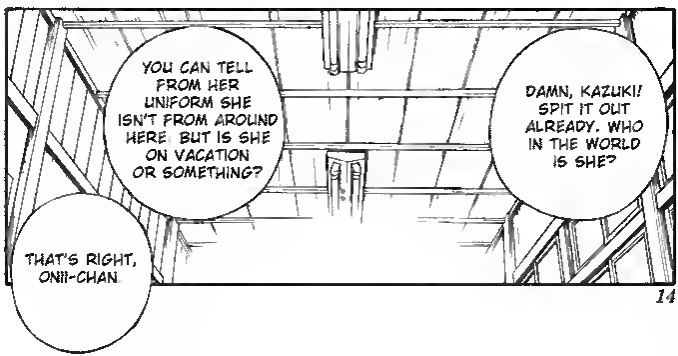
OUR JOB IS OVER.
MISSION ACCOMPLISED.

THE COMMANDER HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.
MEET ME AT THE MONSTER FACTORY, 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.


to be 21 in total, citizens and guards alike.
— The number of miseing people has been verified

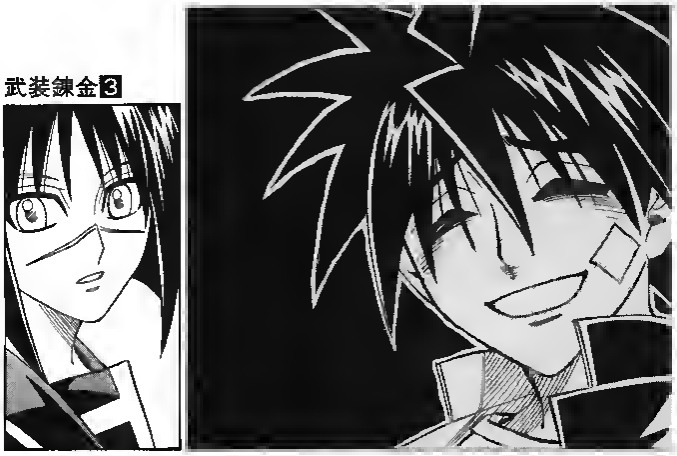

SFX BELOW | MURMUR MURMUR
this caused the national mean to increase two-fold —
Curiously, althought the beginning of the year marked several cases of dissapearance in tinsei city,

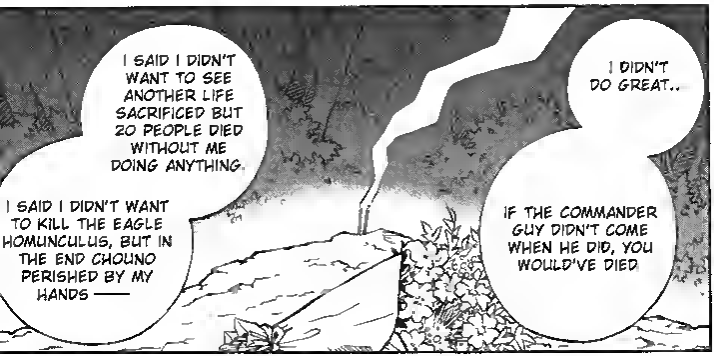
SFX: PON! (FLUFF)


DAMN, KAZUKI! SPIT IT OUT ALREADY. WHO IN THE WORLD IS SHE?
YOU CAN TELL FROM HER UNIFORM SHE ISN'T FROM AROUND HERE. BUT IS SHE ON VACATION OR SOMETHING?
THAT'S RIGHT, ONII-CHAN

TOKIKO-SAN MIGHT BE GOING HOME AFTER IT'S ALL OVER
OUR JOB IS OVER.
MISSION ACCOMPLISED.
I'LL BE ON THE MOVE SOON.
MY NEXT MISSION HAS BEEN DECIDED
YEAH
A PEACEFUL TOWN HAS NO NEED FOR WARRIORS

... THERE ARE TRACES
OF YOUR BLOODSTAIN STILL.
10 DAYS AGO,
YOU GOT YOURSELF ENTANGLED IN THE WORLD OF "RENKINJUTSU" AND "BATTLE" HERE.
EVEN NOW I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM...
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF.
AFTER ALL, I WAS THE ONE WHO JUMPED IN OUT OF NOWHERE
MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU IF I STAYED OUT OF IT...
NOT AT ALL.
TRUTH IS, IT WOULD'VE BEEN A CLOSE GAME IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU.
YOU REALLY DID GREAT—



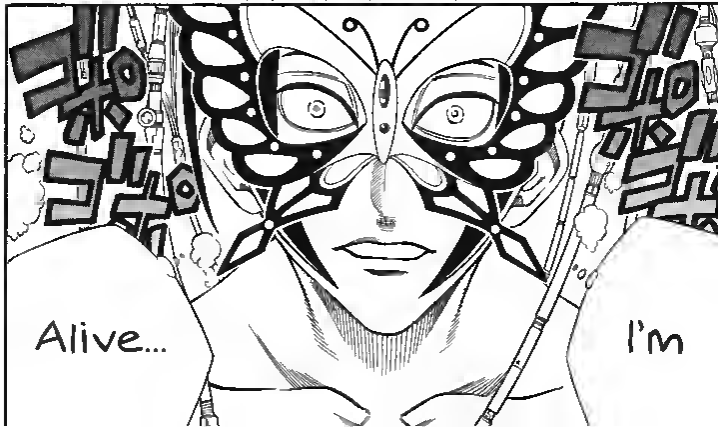

I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ANOTHER LIFE SACRIFICED BUT 20 PEOPLE DIED WITHOUT ME DOING ANYTHING.
I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL THE EAGLE HOMUNCULUS, BUT IN THE END CHOUNO PERISHED BY MY HANDS ——
I DIDN'T DO GREAT..
IF THE COMMANDER GUY DIDN'T COME WHEN HE DID, YOU WOULD'VE DIED

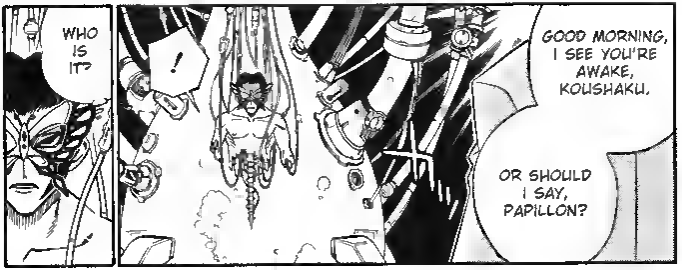
Don't Apologise, Hypocrite
CHOUNO'S
FINAL WORDS WERE...

I WORKED REALLY HARD...
DOES THAT MAKE ME A HYPOCRITE...
KAZUKI...
HE ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO PART WITH HIS "LIFE"...
BUT KAZUKI IS NO WARRIOR
DRIP
DRIP
THIS WEEK'S BEEN TOO HARSH FOR KAZUKI TO BEAR AND FIGHT.
I FORGOT...
KAZUKI——

OR IN BAD!
IN GOOD TIMES!
SFX ZAT (STRIDE)
YOU WILL NOT HESITATE!!
IF YOU HOLD FIRMLY IN YOUR BELIEF TILL THE LAST MOMENT,
KEEP ON FIGHTING, MYTOU KAZUKI!
IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT YOURSELF,
IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
THE NEXT BATTLE

SFX BELOW - GOPO GOPO GOPO GOPO




WHO IS IT?
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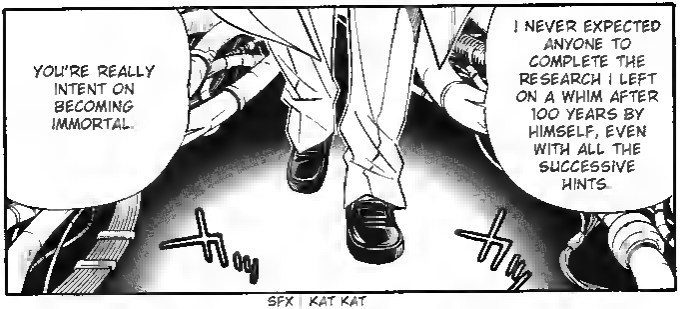
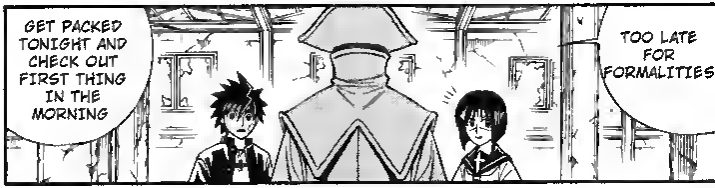
GOOD MORNING, I SEE YOU'RE AWAKE, KOUSHAKU.
OR SHOULD I SAY, PAPILLON?


YOU'RE REALLY INTENT ON BECOMING IMMORTAL.
I NEVER EXPECTED ANYONE TO COMPLETE THE RESEARCH I LEFT ON A WHIM AFTER 100 YEARS BY HIMSELF, EVEN WITH ALL THE SUCCESSIVE HINTS.
SFX | KAT KAT

I CAST AWAY
THAT NAME THE DAY I STOPPED BEING HUMAN.
RESEARCH . 100 YEARS
CHOUNO BAKUSHAKU?
IT CAN'T BE, GREAT GRAND FATHER
SFX ACROSS | BOU

NEVER BEEN BETTER-FLY!*
*THIS LINE IS PUN-INTENDED IN JAPANESE HE SAID "CHOU SAIKOU!" WHERE 'CHOU' FOR BUTTERFLY IS USED INSTEAD OF 'CHOU' FOR SUPERB.
RESTORE YOUR BODY BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR CAUSE.
WE WILL GRANT YOU "TRUE POWERS" OF A HUMAN-TYPE HOMUNCULUS YOU NEVER HAD.
YOU WILL NEVER LOSE TO THE LIKES OF HUMANS EVER AGAIN!!
KNOWN AS DOCTOR BUTTERFLY.
AMONG COMRADES, I'M SIMPLY
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
TO JOIN US THE "LEAGUE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY AND THE ELECTED"
YOU'RE MOST WELCOME
WELCOME, PAPILLON
HERE YOUR EXCELLENT BRAINS AND DRIVE ARE ACKNOWLEGED

YOUR NEXT ONE, WARRIOR TOKIKO!
THAT'S RIGHT, MY NEXT MISSION ALSO
NEXT...
BATTLE?


GET PACKED TONIGHT AND CHECK OUT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING
TOO LATE FOR FORMALITIES

AND WILL BEGIN LIFE IN THE DORMS
EH?
YOU WILL ENROL AS A STUDENT IN GINSEI HIGH TOMORROW

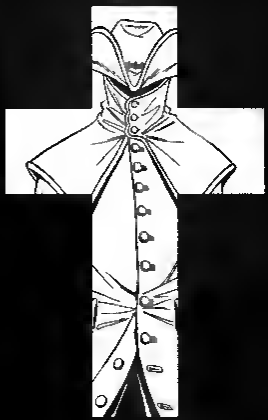
AS FOR YOU, MUTOU KAZUKI!
TOKI -KO SAN
EH?
EEH?!

UNDER MY JURISDICTION,
IF YOU FEEL UP TO IT,
KEEP FIGHTING?
YOU WILL
YOU WILL BE SCOUTED AS A RENKIN WARRIOR!
!!!

- HEIGHT : 185CM WEIGHT : 75KG
- BIRTHDAY : OCTOBER 10TH ZODIAC : LIBRA BLOODTYPE : AB AGE : 27
- FAVOURITE : JUSTICE,SMILING
- DISLIKE : CORRUPTION,CRYING FACE
- HOBBY : DAILY CARPENTRY
- SPECIALTY : GETTING AWAY WITHOUT TELLING HIS REAL NAME
- CAUSE : THE ORGANSIATION OF THE RENKIN WARRIORS (THE NAME IS UNCLEAR FOR NOW) BEING A COMMANDER.

CHARACTER FILE NO.14

CAPTAIN BRAVO



AUTHORS NOTE

-A CHARACTER THOUGHT OUT AS KAZUKI AND TOKIKO'S SUPERIOR, ALSO OFFICER IN COMMAND. I ORIGINALLY PLANNED HIM AS TOKIKO'S OLDER BROTHER BEFORE THE SERIES COMMENCED.

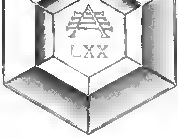
-THE NAME CAME FROM A WESTERN TOY. I GOT IT FROM "MEGA-RIG" MISSION BRAVO SERIES OF MATCHBOX. DON'T MIND THE FACT THAT "CAPTAIN" IS AN ENGLISH WORD AND "BRAVO" IS FRENCH.

-ANOTHER POINTLESS SUPERHUMAN CHARACTER AS A DISTRACTION. SINCE I CAN'T DRAW KAZUKI ALL-OUT YET, I ENJOY DRAWING BATTLES INVOLVING HIM. THE SOURCE OF HIS IMAGE IS MARCUS +JJ FROM MY OLD WORK "GUN BLAZE WEST". I DESIGNED THE ADULT VERSION FOR HIM.

-ACTUALLY, THIS CHARACTER WAS ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR ME TO CREATE "A GROWN UP CHARACTER NEEDED FOR THE BOY TO BECOME A MAN" FROM "THE GROWN UP CHARACTER TO WATCH OVER KIDS" THAT I DID IN MY PREVIOUS WORK.

-HIS REAL NAME IS SECRET FOR NOW. I THINK IT WILL COME OUT EVENTUALLY.

BUSOU RENKIN
ILLUMINATI-MANGA



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